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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 18, 2006, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer over commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,287,290. As obviousness-type double patenting over the '290 patent was the only objection raised, Applicants believe that the case is now in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at .

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